

REMARKS

Claims 38-45, 47-48, 50-63 and 65-66 are pending herein. Claim 38 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 46. Allowable claim 49 has been rewritten to be in independent form as claim 48. Allowable claim 64 has been amended to be in independent form as claim 63.

The indication by the Examiner that claims 46, 47, 49-51, 61, 62 and 64-66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is acknowledged and appreciated by Applicant. In this regard, independent claims 38, 48, 52 and 63 contain allowable subject matter, as noted above. Since each of the independent claims contains allowable subject matter, the art rejections over §102 and §103 are moot. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

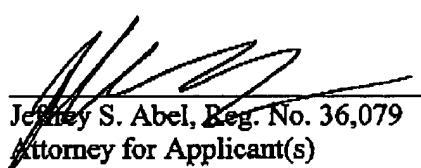
Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicant would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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